

Seahawks Defeat South - Again



FOR SPARTANS . . . Sophomore center Steve Kuckenbecker (24) goes up for two more points for South High in Friday's game between the Spartans and the high flying Redondo squad. Kuckenbecker, here pocketing the ball over the outstretched arm of Redondo's Bob Clemo, hit for 21 markers to lead all scorers. (Herald Photo)

Bid for Upset Fails As Spartans Go Cold

Bidding for one of the biggest upsets of the season, South High stayed even with the high-flying Redondo Seahawks for three quarters of basketball Friday before giving way and dropping the Bay League encounter 61-53. The game was played before a full house at the South High gym.

The Spartans got top performances for Don Denson and soph center Steve Kuckenbecker in a contest that was nip and tuck for three stanzas. Denson accounted for 19 Spartan points, while Kuckenbecker hit for 21. Both men fouled out of the game, Denson with 1:40 left and Kuckenbecker with 12 seconds remaining.

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Tartars To Host West

Torrance High's quintet will play host to West High Tuesday evening as the tightening Pioneer League chase makes the turn for the back stretch.

The Warriors, led by junior guard Dan Thomas and forward Rich Hall, are locked in a three-way tie for second place in the Pioneer loop behind undefeated Aviation.

Torrance, which stands at 2-4 in league action to date, could tighten things even more by pulling off what has to rate as a mild upset. The Tartars nearly did it Friday against top dog Aviation, and a fired-up squad will be ready and waiting when the Warriors invade the THS gym at 8 p.m.

SKIP ENGER will direct his title-bound Saxons against Culver City in a game slated for 8 p.m. Tuesday on the North court. The Centaurs, defeated by Beverly Hills Friday, have a 3-3 slate in Sky Loop action.

The Saxons have been getting some balanced performances from the regulars. The balance and speed has made up the squad's main strength, and some key performances from Ron Taylor and Al Lepper make the Saxons the team to beat.

SOUTH HIGH, coming off a good game with Redondo, will host Bay League power Mira Costa. The game is slated for 8 p.m.

South coach Jim Haney is optimistic about the Spartans' chances, and says a good game with his top men hitting the bucket will put Mira Costa in dangerous ground.

ROUNDING OUT city action Tuesday, the Knights from Bishop Montgomery High School will journey to Pierce Junior College for an engagement with Crespi.

The Knights stand at 2-6 in league action, while Crespi has yet to win a Camino Real contest.

well-balanced attack to cope with Jim Haney's zone defense, but couldn't get out front by more than five points until midway through the third period. South knotted the score four times, but never led in the game.

Paul Hoffman and Jeff Sims were the big guns for the Seahawks. Sims hit for 16 markers before leaving the game with a little over six minutes left in the fourth period. Hoffman, who couldn't stop Denson from sinking bucket after bucket, countered by putting 18 counters on the score boards.

Haney singled out Dave Kuckenbecker for praise. He hit for seven points, and virtually controlled the offensive boards alone. Haney said, "Dave played his best game of the year."

DENSON COLLECTED his points on seven shots from the field and five at the foul line. Steve Kuckenbecker accounted for his 21 with eight from the

floor and five charity tosses. The big trouble with South was shooting. Byron Schweigert hit only one field goal in 13 attempts and John Thomas could find the mark on only two of ten attempts.

"We played good ball," said Haney, "but we just didn't hit."

THE SEAHAWKS out-rebounded the Spartan squad, but turned the ball over much more. Both teams took 64 shots from the field. South clicked on 20 of the 64, and Redondo hit 22.

The victory left Redondo in sole possession of second place in the Bay League flag chase, behind front-running Mira Costa. Mircohi and Redondo have lost only one game each, but the Seahawks have played one less in the campaign.

South stands with a 3-3 record in Bay Loop action, tied with Palos Verdes in the third spot.

Warriors Lose

West Victim of Eagle Accuracy

A couple of unstoppable El Segundo sharpshooters teamed up Friday night to hand West High a 55-50 setback in a Pioneer League contest played at El Segundo.

Steve Wright and Ralph Spargo broke loose in the second stanza and hit bucket after bucket. By the end of the game, Wright had accounted for 21 markers and Spargo had put in another 19.

The Warriors, who went into the game in second place, came out in a three-way tie with the Eagles and Lennox for a share of the Pioneer loop honors.

JUNIOR GUARD Dan Thomas, who got 16 during the evening was described as "fantastic" by coach Tom Sutherland. Thomas did some great defensive work in the second half as the Warriors narrowed the El Segundo lead from nine to five points.

Thomas got his markers on seven field goals and a pair of

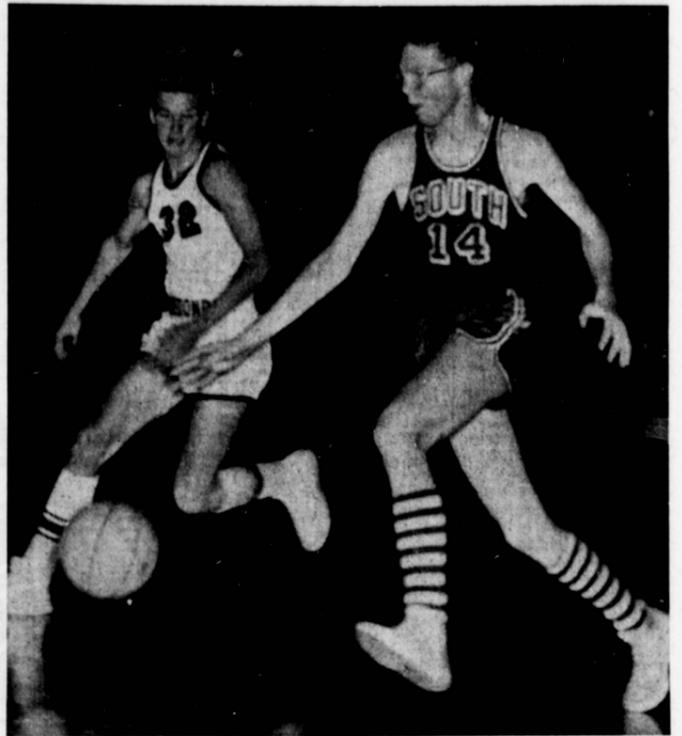
charity tosses. Forward Rich Hall, who has led the Warriors in scoring, had his third off night in as many contests. Hall hit only seven counters.

The Eagles left the court at halftime with a 35-26 advantage, and came back to find things substantially different. El Segundo went 10 minutes into the second half before finding the mark again from the floor.

THE WARRIORS controlled the offensive boards and out-rebounded El Segundo 49-48, but West simply couldn't find the bulls-eye. From the floor, the West regulars hit 18 of 63.

A big factor in the final minutes was the absence of Thomas, who fouled out with three minutes left.

John Marsden and Thomas were singled out for praise by Sutherland. A combination man-to-man and zone defense in the second half held the Eagles without field goals for 10 minutes.



THE CHASE . . . South High forward Don Denson and Redondo's Paul Hoffman give chase to a loose ball during action Friday evening at the South High gym. The Spartans held their own with the Redondo squad for nearly three quarters, but finally dropped the encounter, 61-53. Denson hit for 19 points for Spartans in the effort. (Herald Photo)

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Still on Top

Saxons Clobber Helpless Morningside Five, 68-42

North High's title-bound quintet kept its Sky League record intact Friday night with a 68-42 victory over helpless Morningside in a game played on the Saxon court.

"We romped home," North coach Skip Enger said of the game. "They stayed with us for a quarter and then we had things our way."

North took a 17-15 advantage in the first stanza of the contest, then pulled out with a 19-point surge in the second period. They never slowed down after that, despite the fact that reserves played most of the second half.

AL LEPPER and Ron Taylor controlled the backboards for the Saxons while four of Enger's men hit for double figures. Mike Gratzke, a 6-0 guard, pumped in 16 for high scoring honors. Taylor hit for 11, while Lepper accounted for 12 markers. Terry Tierney, smallest regular on the squad, hit 14.

No Monarch hit double figures. High man for Morningside was Ron Cameron who hit for 9 counters.

ENGER SENT every man into the contest, and played most of the third and fourth stanzas with reserves. Dave Hemple hit for four, and Pete Reynolds accounted for two more. Regular Dennis Irelan pushed nine through the hoop to give the Saxons a total of 68.

In other Sky League action, Leuzinger administered a 60-48 beating to Inglewood to take a firm hold of second place. Culver City lost to Beverly Hills.

The Saxons will meet Culver City at 8 p.m. Tuesday on the North hardwoods.

Tartars Lose in Final Seconds to Falcons

Things were really popping at the Torrance High gym Friday night, and for a while it looked like anything could happen.

In fact, it did. The Tartars, up for a head-on collision with the league-leading Falcons from Aviation High, held on for 39 minutes and 43 seconds before a once-in-a-million play left the Falcons victorious, 41-40.

THE PLAY came with 17 seconds left in the game and Tartar Bob Brennan on the free-throw line. With the crowd yelling, Brennan called for time, but his call went unheeded, so up went the ball. Then, a whistle sounded and the time out allowed, but the basket which Brennan had just made was disallowed and he had to do it over. Second time around,

he missed, and the score remained 39-38.

The Tartars scored again, and so did Aviation and with four seconds left, Brennan was fouled again. He missed the first shot on a one-and-one, ending the game.

THE H-BOYS, Mike Hatter and Walt Hale, each bucketed 11 points for the Tartars, while Brennan hit nine. Torrance held a 21-19 bulge at halftime, before a Falcon surge in the third period put Aviation out in front.

Will Boerger, THS mentor, had praise for center Mike Blankenship who he said "did an out standing job holding Gary Dinnel, the leading scorer in the league, to six points."

"The team really bounced back after a poor job Tuesday," said Boerger. "They did a real good job for us."

Coach of the Year

Football Coaching Staffs Ready for Annual Clinic

Football coaching staffs from the Torrance high schools will attend the sixth annual American Football Coaches Assn. "Coach of the Year" clinic in Santa Monica Feb. 22 and 23. Darrell Royal, whose undefeated and untied Texan Longhorns won him "coach of the year" honors; Bud Wilkinson, Oklahoma's retiring head coach; Washington's Jim Owens, Arkansas's Frank Broyles, and San Diego coach Don Coryell, one of the originators of the popular "I" formation will be the featured speakers at the clinic, to be held in the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

ED LEVY, whose Saxons finished second in the Sky League chase last season, will head the North High delega-

tion. Jerry Nicholson, varsity backfield coach, and Bee coach Curt Curtis also will attend the clinic.

Torrance staff members who will attend the meeting are varsity mentors Irv Katsen and Hal Waife. Also representing the Tartar staff will be Dale Walker, Frank Simon, Howard Towle, and Web Lawson.

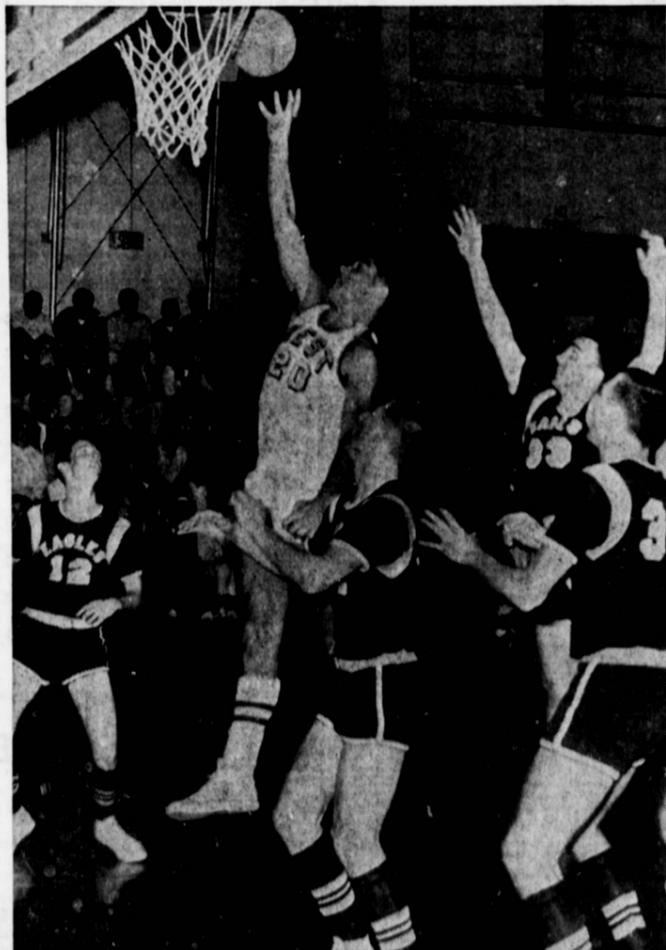
Bill Parton, head mentor at West High and his staff also plan on attending the sessions. With Parton will be Max Lomas, line coach; Bee coaches Fred Peterson and Jack Long, and Cee mentor Dennis Haryung.

SOUTH HIGH'S Spartans will be represented by Dale Tollefson and John Silady. Bee coaches Herb Solomon and Bob Beardslee, along with Cee boss

James Dougherty, will attend. George Swade, head coach at Bishop Montgomery High School, will attend the clinic with his entire staff. With Swade will be line coach Marvin Wood and end coach James Arnaiz for the varsity squad. Jay Vee bosses Roger Folsom and Frank Wallace, and Cee coaches Avery Tucker and Fred Diocsen also plan to attend the sessions.

The clinic will be devoted to discussion of football strategy and will cover a wide area. Royal will discuss the running and passing offense that made his Longhorns number one in the nation in 1963.

Conference sessions with the featured speakers have been planned as part of the two-day clinic.



LOOKING UP . . . Warrior John Cockran (20) goes into the air in the midst of Eagles Friday night to sink a bucket for West High. West stayed even with the El Segundo squad through three quarters before tiring and dropping the contest, 55-50. El Segundo moved into second place in the Pioneer League with the win, topping the Warriors into third. (Herald Photo)

League Leaders Defeat Knights

Bishop Montgomery's hoop squad stayed even with league-leading Pater Noster until late in the fourth quarter Friday evening then dropped a Camino Real loop contest, 72-60 in the Lawndale gym.

Montgomery left the floor at

halftime with the score knotted at 33-33 and managed to stay with Pater Noster until the closing minutes of the final stanza.

During the fourth quarter, Pater Noster built up a 10-point lead only to have the Knights close within one point in the last two minutes. With less than two minutes remaining, the Pater Noster crew pulled out and poured it on, finally winning by 12.

BILL BROWN, Montgomery's fast moving, accurate guard, accounted for 24 markers to lead the Knights. Tony Guggiana was the only other Knight to hit double figures with a 17-point effort.

High scorer for the game was Pater Noster forward Jim Malber, who hit for 31 during the evening.

The loss left the Knights with a dismal 2-6 record in Camino Real League action. Pater Noster keeps its league record intact and stretched to eight the number of victories in league play.

Lettermen, Faculty Men Meet Friday

West High faculty members will get a chance to display their athletic talents Friday night when the student body sponsors the second annual Donkey Basketball game.

Men of the faculty will meet the West High's Lettermen's Club at 7:30 p.m. in the North High gym. The Warrior Band will provide the music and faculty women will replace the cheerleaders.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$1. The public is invited to attend.